

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated below.

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47. (New) A method for providing information received by a television set-top terminal (STT) from a server device, said method comprising:
 providing color setting data; and
 enabling a plurality of applications to have access to said color setting data,
 wherein said color setting data is used by each of the plurality of applications to determine at least one color of at least one respective item presented to a viewer via a television that is coupled to the STT.
48. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein the plurality of applications comprise a video-on-demand (VOD) application and an interactive program guide (IPG) application, the VOD application being configured to enable video-on-demand rentals via the STT, and the IPG application being configured to provide a list of broadcast programs available to the viewer via the STT.
49. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein the at least one respective item presented to the user comprises a display window.
50. (New) The method of claim 47, further comprising storing the color setting data at the STT.
51. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein the at least one respective item presented to the user comprises text.
52. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein the at least one respective item presented to the user comprises graphics.

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53. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein the at least one color specified by the color setting data is selected by the viewer from a menu that provides a plurality of color options.
54. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein said color setting data is used by each of the plurality of applications to determine at least one foreground color of the at least one respective item presented to the viewer.
55. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein said color setting data is used by each of the plurality of applications to determine at least one background color of the at least one respective item presented to the viewer.
56. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein said color setting is used by each of the plurality of applications to determine a color scheme corresponding to items presented to the viewer.
57. (New) A method for providing information received by a television set-top terminal (STT) from a server device, said method comprising:
 - providing text setting data; and
 - enabling a plurality of applications to have access to said text setting data, wherein said text setting data is used by each of the plurality of applications to determine at least one visual characteristic of at least one respective word presented to a viewer via a television that is coupled to the STT.
58. (New) The method of claim 57, wherein the plurality of applications comprise a video-on-demand (VOD) application and an interactive program guide (IPG) application, the VOD application being configured to enable video-on-demand rentals via the STT, and the IPG application being configured to provide a list of broadcast programs available to the viewer via the STT.

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59. (New) The method of claim 57, further comprising storing the text setting data at the STT.
60. (New) The method of claim 57, wherein the at least one visual characteristic specified by the text setting data is selected by the viewer from a menu that provides a plurality text characteristic options.
61. (New) The method of claim 57, wherein the at least one visual characteristic is selected from a group consisting of font type and font size.
62. (New) A method for providing information received by a television set-top terminal (STT) from a server device, said method comprising:
 - providing graphics setting data; and
 - enabling a plurality of applications to have access to said graphics setting data, wherein said graphics setting data is used by each of the plurality of applications to determine at least one graphical characteristic of at least one respective graphical item presented to a viewer via a television that is coupled to the STT.
63. (New) The method of claim 62, wherein the plurality of applications comprise a video-on-demand (VOD) application and an interactive program guide (IPG) application, the VOD application being configured to enable video-on-demand rentals via the STT, and the IPG application being configured to provide a list of broadcast programs available to the viewer via the STT.
64. (New) The method of claim 62, further comprising storing the graphics setting data at the STT.
65. (New) The method of claim 62, wherein the at least one respective graphical item presented to the user comprises a display window.

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66. (New) The method of claim 62, wherein the at least one respective graphical item presented to the user comprises an edge of a display window.
67. (New) The method of claim 62, wherein the at least one graphical characteristic specified by the graphics setting data is selected by the viewer from a menu that provides a plurality of graphical characteristic options.
68. (New) The method of claim 62, wherein the at least one graphical characteristic specified by the graphics setting data is an edge thickness.
69. (New) The method of claim 62, wherein the at least one graphical characteristic specified by the graphics setting data is color.
70. (New) The method of claim 62, wherein the at least one graphical characteristic specified by the graphics setting data is an edge continuity.
71. (New) The method of claim 62, wherein the at least one graphical characteristic specified by the graphics setting data is a window transition animation characteristic.
72. (New) A method for providing information received by a television set-top terminal (STT) from a server device, said method comprising:
 - providing color setting data, text setting data, and graphics setting data;
 - enabling a plurality of applications to have access to said graphics setting data, wherein said graphics setting data is used by each of the plurality of applications to determine at least one graphical characteristic of at least one respective graphical item presented to a viewer via a television;
 - enabling the plurality of applications to have access to said text setting data, wherein said text setting data is used by each of the plurality of applications to determine at least one visual characteristic of at least one respective word presented to the viewer via the television; and
 - enabling the plurality of applications to have access to said color setting data,

wherein said color setting data is used by each of the plurality of applications to determine at least one color of at least one respective item presented to the viewer via the television.

73. (New) The method of claim 72, wherein the at least one graphical characteristic, the at least one visual characteristic, at the least one color are selected by a viewer from at least one menu provided by the STT via the television.

74. (New) The method of claim 72, wherein the plurality of applications comprise a video-on-demand (VOD) application and an interactive program guide (IPG) application, the VOD application being configured to enable video-on-demand rentals via the STT, and the IPG application being configured to provide a list of broadcast programs available to the viewer via the STT.

75. (New) A television set-top terminal (STT) comprising:
memory that has stored thereon color setting data; and
a processor programmed to enable a plurality of applications to have access to said color setting data, wherein said color setting data is used by each of the plurality of applications to determine at least one color of at least one respective item presented to a viewer via a television that is coupled to the STT.

76. (New) The STT of claim 75, wherein the plurality of applications comprise a video-on-demand (VOD) application and an interactive program guide (IPG) application, the VOD application being configured to enable video-on-demand rentals via the STT, and the IPG application being configured to provide a list of broadcast programs available to the viewer via the STT.

77. (New) The STT of claim 75, wherein the at least one respective item presented to the user comprises a display window.

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78. (New) The STT of claim 75, wherein the at least one respective item presented to the user comprises graphics.
79. (New) The STT of claim 75, wherein the at least one color specified by the color setting data is selected by the viewer from a menu that provides a plurality of color options.
80. (New) The STT of claim 75, wherein said color setting is used by each of the plurality of applications to determine a color scheme corresponding to items presented to the viewer.
81. (New) A television set-top terminal (STT) comprising:
memory that has stored thereon text setting data; and
a processor programmed to enable a plurality of applications to have access to
said text setting data, wherein said text setting data is used by each of the
plurality of applications to determine at least one visual characteristic of at
least one respective word presented to a viewer via a television that is
coupled to the STT.
82. (New) The STT of claim 81, wherein the plurality of applications comprise a video-on-demand (VOD) application and an interactive program guide (IPG) application, the VOD application being configured to enable video-on-demand rentals via the STT, and the IPG application being configured to provide a list of broadcast programs available to the viewer via the STT.
83. (New) The STT of claim 81, wherein the at least one visual characteristic specified by the text setting data is selected by the viewer from a menu that provides a plurality text characteristic options.
84. (New) The STT of claim 81, wherein the at least one visual characteristic is selected from a group consisting of font type and font size.

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85. (New) A television set-top terminal (STT) comprising:
memory that has stored thereon graphics setting data; and
a processor programmed to enable a plurality of applications to have access to
said graphics setting data, wherein said graphics setting data is used by
each of the plurality of applications to determine at least one graphical
characteristic of at least one respective graphical item presented to a
viewer via a television that is coupled to the STT.
86. (New) The STT of claim 85, wherein the plurality of applications comprise a video-on-demand (VOD) application and an interactive program guide (IPG) application, the VOD application being configured to enable video-on-demand rentals via the STT, and the IPG application being configured to provide a list of broadcast programs available to the viewer via the STT.
87. (New) The STT of claim 85, wherein the at least one respective graphical item presented to the user comprises a display window.
88. (New) The STT of claim 85, wherein the at least one respective graphical item presented to the user comprises an edge of a display window.
89. (New) The STT of claim 85, wherein the at least one graphical characteristic specified by the graphics setting data is selected by the viewer from a menu that provides a plurality of graphical characteristic options.
90. (New) A television set-top terminal (STT) comprising:
memory that has stored thereon color setting data, text setting data, and graphics
setting data; and
a processor programmed to:
enable a plurality of applications to have access to said graphics setting
data, wherein said graphics setting data is used by each of the
plurality of applications to determine at least one graphical

characteristic of at least one respective graphical item presented to a viewer via a television that is coupled to the STT; enable the plurality of applications to have access to said text setting data, wherein said text setting data is used by each of the plurality of applications to determine at least one visual characteristic of at least one respective word presented to the viewer via the television; and enable the plurality of applications to have access to said color setting data, wherein said color setting data is used by each of the plurality of applications to determine at least one color of at least one respective item presented to the viewer via the television.

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91. (New) The STT of claim 90, wherein the at least one graphical characteristic, the at least one visual characteristic, at the least one color are selected by a viewer from at least one menu provided by the STT via the television.

92. (New) The STT of claim 90, wherein the plurality of applications comprise a video-on-demand (VOD) application and an interactive program guide (IPG) application, the VOD application being configured to enable video-on-demand rentals via the STT, and the IPG application being configured to provide a list of broadcast programs available to the viewer via the STT.